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APPLICATION OF

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2021-00219

For approval and certification of the
Fieldale to Ridgeway 138 kV Rebuild Project
under Title 56 of the Code of Virginia

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On November 23, 2021, pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 *et seq.*, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application and supporting documents with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval and certification to construct, own, operate, and maintain the Fieldale to Ridgeway 138 kilovolt ("kV") Rebuild Project, to be located in Henry County, Virginia ("Application").

Specifically, APCo seeks approval of its proposal for: (a) an approximate 15-mile long rebuild of the Company-owned portion of the Fieldale-Dan River 138 kV transmission line from the Company's Fieldale Substation to existing structure 28-103 near the Virginia/North Carolina border; (b) re-conductoring an approximately 0.3-mile portion of that line between existing structures 28-38A and 28-41A; and (c) upgrades and replacement of equipment at the Ridgeway Substation and updates to relay settings at the Fieldale, Ridgeway, and Commonwealth crossing Substations (collectively, the "Project").¹

The Company asserts that the infrastructure needs to be replaced due to deteriorated condition, performance, and risk associated with the asset, including its inability to meet current

¹ Application at 1.

National Electrical Safety Code ("NESC") standards.² According to the Application, the Project will replace aging infrastructure that is 70 years old, contains numerous open conditions due to age-related deterioration, and does not comply with current NESC Grade B loading criteria.³

The Company asserts that the Project is necessary to ensure adequate and reliable electric service and accommodate future growth in Henry County and the surrounding area.⁴ The Company further states that the transmission line to be rebuilt has experienced poor operational performance due to multiple permanent and momentary outages, has outage risk to customers directly served by the associated circuits, and has outage risk to the Company's interconnection with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, which occurs near existing structure 28-103 at the Virginia/North Carolina border.⁵

According to the Application, approximately forty percent of the Project will be constructed on the existing 100-foot wide right-of-way ("ROW") already acquired by the Company.⁶ The Company further states that in order to minimize the duration of the time the transmission line will be out of service, the remaining portion of the Project will be rebuilt parallel to or near the existing ROW on new 100-foot wide ROW.⁷

APCo states that the proposed in-service date is July 2025 and estimates that it will need approximately three years after entry of the Commission's final Order for engineering, design,

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* at 2.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Response to Guidelines at 1.

⁶ Application at 2.

⁷ *Id.*

ROW acquisition, permitting, material procurement and construction to place the Project in service.⁸ The Company further states that the estimated total cost of the Project is \$32.6 million, with \$32.2 million in transmission line-related costs and \$0.4 million for substation-related costs.⁹

As provided by Code § 62.1-44.15:21 D 2, the Commission and the State Water Control Board ("Board") consult on wetland impacts prior to the siting of electric utility facilities that require a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Acting on behalf of the Board, the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") must prepare a Wetland Impacts Consultation on this Application, as required by the Code and Sections 2 and 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Consultation on Wetland Impacts.¹⁰ The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") has requested the Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection at the DEQ to provide a Wetland Impacts Consultation for the Project.¹¹

As provided by Code §§ 10.1-1186.2:1 B and 56-46.1 A and G, the Commission and the DEQ coordinate reviews of the environmental impact of electric generating plants and associated facilities. Pursuant to the Code and consistent with the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Coordination of Reviews

⁸ *Id.* at 3.

⁹ Response to Guidelines at 11.

¹⁰ *In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the State Water Control Board and the State Corporation Commission*, Case No. PUE-2003-00114, 2003 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 474, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (July 30, 2003).

¹¹ Letter from Anna A. Dimitri, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated December 21, 2021, to David L. Davis, CPWD, PWS, Director, Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2021-00219.

of the Environmental Impacts of Proposed Electric Generating Plants and Associated Facilities (August 2002),¹² the Commission receives and considers reports on the proposed facilities from state environmental agencies. The Staff has requested the DEQ to coordinate an environmental review of the Project by the appropriate agencies and to provide a report on the review.¹³

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Application and applicable statutes, finds that: this matter should be docketed; APCo should give notice of its Application to interested persons and the public; a public hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Application; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application or participate as respondents in this proceeding; and the Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon. We further find that a Hearing Examiner should be appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission and to file a final report.

The Commission further takes judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. The Commission has taken certain actions, and

¹² *In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Corporation Commission*, Case No. PUE-2002-00315, 2002 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 559, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (Aug. 14, 2002).

¹³ Letter from Anna A. Dimitri, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated December 21, 2021, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2021-00219.

may take additional actions going forward, that could impact the procedures in this proceeding.¹⁴ Consistent with these actions, in regard to the terms of the procedural framework established below, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2021-00219.

(2) All pleadings in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice").¹⁵ Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.¹⁶

¹⁴ See, e.g., *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic Service of Commission Orders*, Case No. CLK-2020-00004, 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 76, Order Concerning Electronic Service of Commission Orders (Mar. 19, 2020), *extended by* 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 77, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel., State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00005, 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 77, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (Mar. 19, 2020) ("Revised Operating Procedures Order"), *extended by* 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 78, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic service among parties during COVID-19 emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00007, 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 79, Order Requiring Electronic Service (Apr. 1, 2020).

¹⁵ 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

¹⁶ As noted in the Revised Operating Procedures Order, submissions to the Commission's Clerk's Office via U.S. Mail or commercial mail equivalents may be subject to delayed processing due to the COVID-19 public health issues.

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and the Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, parties and the Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or the Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission and to file a final report.

(5) The Commission hereby schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application, as follows:

- A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m., on June 1, 2022, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom.¹⁷
- To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- On or before May 25, 2022, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.
- Beginning at 10 a.m., on June 1, 2022, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

¹⁷ The Commission will convene counsel of record in this proceeding to attend the public witness hearing virtually.

This hearing will not be convened, and the parties will be notified of such, if no person signs up to testify as a public witness.

- This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

(6) A hearing shall be convened on June 2, 2022, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

(7) An electronic copy of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Matthew P. Pritts, Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Wells Fargo Tower, Suite 1400, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, Virginia 24038 or pritts@woodsrogers.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

(8) On or before February 16, 2022, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (9) to all owners, as of the date of this Order, of property within the route of the proposed Project, as indicated on the map or sketch of the route filed with the Commission, which requirement shall be satisfied by mailing to such persons at such addresses as are indicated in the land books maintained by the commissioner of revenue, director of finance, treasurer, or other officer of the county or municipality designated as provided by Code § 58.1-3100 *et seq.*

(9) On or before February 16, 2022, the Company shall cause the following notice and the sketch map of the proposed route, as shown in Exhibit 14 to the Application, to be published

as display advertising (not classified) on one occasion in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in Henry County, Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF
AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE FIELDALE
TO RIDGEWAY 138 kV REBUILD PROJECT
UNDER TITLE 56 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
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Description of the Proposed Project

The Proposed Route for the Project is approximately 15 miles long and is largely within or parallel to the existing transmission line ROW. The Proposed Route begins at the Company's existing Fieldale Substation (4645 Appalachian Drive) located in the central extents of Henry County and on the east side of the Smith River. The Proposed Route exits the Fieldale Substation within the existing ROW for about two miles and crosses State Route 57 (Appalachian Drive), Daniels Creek Road, Longview Drive, S. River Road and the Smith River. South of the Smith River crossing, the Proposed Route shifts to parallel the existing ROW to the west for 1.8 miles and then crosses Lookout Mountain Road. Continuing parallel for one mile, the Proposed Route crosses U.S. Routes 58 (A. L. Philpott Highway) and 58 and 220 Bypass (William F. Stone Highway). After the highway crossings, the Proposed Route crosses Cameron Road and the existing centerline to continue near or parallel to the existing ROW.

The Proposed Route continues on the east side of the existing ROW for 1.3 miles to existing structure 28-38A. At this point, approximately 0.3 mile of the existing line will be reconducted on three existing structures near the Sheffield Substation (1986 Joseph Martin Highway). Past the Sheffield Substation, the Proposed Route is located within the existing ROW

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All distances and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposed route accompanies this notice. A more detailed map of the proposed route may be viewed on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pur/elec/transline.aspx. The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the route described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

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Fargo Tower, Suite 1400, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, Virginia
24038 or pritts@woodsrogers.com.

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Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing or subsequent Hearing Examiner's Ruling for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Application. On June 1, 2022, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the sole purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before May 25, 2022, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by email to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On June 2, 2022, at 10 a.m., either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and

evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

On or before May 25, 2022, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00219.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before March 16, 2022, a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00219. Interested persons should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing for further details on participation as a respondent.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and

other documents filed in the case may be viewed on the Commission's website at:
scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

(10) On or before February 16, 2022, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town through which the Project is proposed to be built: the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(11) On or before March 1, 2022, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (9) and (10) above, including the name, title, address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/.

(12) On or before March 1, 2022, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of mailing of the notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering Paragraph (8). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but the Company shall maintain a record of this information.

(13) On or before May 25, 2022, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website:
scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State

Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00219.

(14) On or before March 16, 2022, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00219.

(15) Within three (3) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve upon such respondent a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing, a copy of the public version of the Application, and all materials filed by the Company with the Commission unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(16) On or before April 13, 2022, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address

listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00219.

(17) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before April 27, 2022, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Staff shall serve a copy thereof on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(18) On or before May 11, 2022, APCo shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal testimony and exhibits on the Staff and all respondents.

(19) All documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

(20) Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: Responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a

copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically, or by facsimile, on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production is directed or the assigned Staff attorney, if the interrogatory or request for production is directed to the Staff.¹⁸ Except as modified above, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(21) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to: Matthew P. Pritts, Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Wells Fargo Tower, Suite 1400, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, Virginia 24038-4125, pritts@woodsrogers.com; Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, njcoates@aep.com; and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, 202 North 9th Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219, MBrowder@oag.state.va.us.

¹⁸ The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information, by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2021-00219, in the appropriate box.